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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting With the Staff Members of the House Judiciary
Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship and
International Law

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1. [] A meeting was held this morning in [] office with staff members of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship and International Law at their request to discuss the Subcommittee's investigation of alleged Nazi War Criminals residing in the United States. Present from the Subcommittee were: Jim Cline, Staff Director, House Judiciary Committee; Arthur (Skip) Endres, Subcommittee Counsel; Peter Regis, Subcommittee Investigator; [] Acting Legislative Counsel; [] AC/C&R/OLC.

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2. [] Mr. Endres explained that Chairman Joshua Eilberg (D., Pa.) considers the GAO investigation on alleged Nazi War Criminals to be inadequate and that Chairman Eilberg directed the staff to conduct their own review of Agency documents. Regis had begun reviewing Agency documents in December of last year and had made notes which we were retaining due to their sensitivity. I reminded Regis that the notes have to be sanitized and further that he was first to review additional documents and that I had called him on a number of occasions; however, he was never able to come out, claiming there were other pressing matters.

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3. [] Neither Endres, Regis or Cline could be specific as to why the GAO investigation is considered deficient. They acknowledged that the first press release by Chairman Eilberg from his Philadelphia office was issued despite strong objections since the first paragraph alleging that the GAO report concluded that CIA and the FBI interfered with the Justice Department investigations of alleged Nazi War Criminals was inaccurate and that the GAO concluded the opposite. They said that the press release was given to only one reporter and was withdrawn. It was explained to the reporter that the allegation was an error. A second release was issued by Mr. Eilberg's Washington, D.C. office with the first paragraph containing the allegation omitted.

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4. [] It was agreed that the notes will be sanitized and delivered to Regis. Also, the classified 22 page summary of information in CIA records concerning individuals of interest to the Subcommittee will be taken down later this week for review by Messrs. Cline, Endres and Regis and returned to the Agency. We will make documentary information available concerning any of the cases in which they may have a particular interest. This will be the first step and we will determine further steps to be taken after that review is completed. The staff expressed an immediate interest in alleged war criminal [] [], now in denaturalization proceedings in Florida who is petitioning to emigrate to the Soviet Union. [] is on the list submitted by the Subcommittee for Agency checks. (After the meeting I determined that CIA had no contact with [])

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5. [] assured the staff that the conclusion in the GAO report was accurate and that there is no evidence that CIA provided any assistance to persons concerning whom there was well founded information of war crimes. Cline told me after the meeting that his staff does not want to be a party to any political ploy to discredit the Agency and will do all they can to see that this matter is satisfactorily resolved. He added that Eilberg's main concern is whether CIA had information of alleged war crimes which we failed to provide to the appropriate authorities and if so, why.

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